

Benin



Surface area ('000 km²):	112.6
Population (million), 2005:	8.4
Population growth rate (%), 2000-2005:	3.2
Official language:	French
Currency:	CFA franc
GNI per capita (\$), 2004:	530
Percentage shares in GDP, 2003:	
Agriculture	35.7
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i>)	14.4 (9.0)
Services	50.0
Gross capital formation	18.2
Gross domestic savings	5.5
Exports of goods and services	14.0
Imports of goods and services	26.8
Agricultural labour force	
(% of total labour force), 2004:	50

Life expectancy at birth (m/f), 2003:	52/54
HIV prevalence among adults (%), end-2003:	1.9
Under-5 mortality rate, 2003: (per 1,000 live births)	154
Population undernourished (%), 2000-2002:	15
Population using improved drinking water sources (%, urban/rural), 2002:	79/60
Adult literacy rate (%), m/f, 2000:	52/24
Transport:	
Road density (km/1,000 km ²), 1999:	61.4
Aircraft departures, 2001:	700
Population with access to electricity (%), 2000:	22
Telephone mainlines (per 1,000 people), 2003:	9
Number of tourist arrivals, 2002:	72,000
Exports of goods and services (\$ m), 2003:	488.3
Imports of goods and services (\$ m), 2003:	929.8
Main export sector	
(% of total exports of goods and services), 2003:	
Cotton yarn	30.8
Main markets for exports of goods (%), 2004:	
Developing countries	89.8
<i>Main destination:</i> Asia (China)	63.1 (28.0)
Main sources of imports of goods (%), 2004:	
Developing countries	65.9
<i>Main origin:</i> Asia (China)	45.5 (31.4)
Foreign direct investment net inflows (\$ m), 2004:	60.0
ODA net inflows (\$ m), 2004:	377.9
Remittances from workers abroad (\$ m), 2003:	84.0
External debt (\$ m), 2003:	1,828.3
As % of GNI	53.0
Debt service as % of exports	12.3

Source: UNCTAD, *Statistical Profiles of the Least Developed Countries 2005*.